

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John Thomas Harvey of Oliver Springs.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of John Thomas Harvey; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harvey was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on December 30, 1955, John Harvey was the third child of Claude Smith "Sonny" Harvey, Jr., and Maxine Brown Harvey; he graduated from Oliver Springs High School and went to Tennessee Tech University, where he was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. While taking college courses, Mr. Harvey also obtained certification as an emergency medical technician and worked for both the Putnam County and Anderson County Emergency Medical Services; and

WHEREAS, after graduating in 1977 with a degree in business management, Mr. Harvey returned home and followed in his father's footsteps at Harvey's Furniture and Appliance, managing the store's daily operations and earning the respect of his customers and community alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, he served his beloved community as a member of the Oliver Springs Police Department Auxiliary for forty-one years and as a member of the Roane County 911 Emergency Board; and

WHEREAS, John Harvey was an active and devout member of Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harvey was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, John Harvey enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of thirty-eight years, Donetta Haynes Harvey, and was the proud father of Rebecca Harvey (Chris) Rowe and Katelyn Harvey; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife and children, Mr. Harvey is survived by his grandsons, Silas Rowe and Lofton Rowe; sisters, Claudia Patterson and Donna (Joe) Whedbee; mother-in-law, Becky Melton; father-in-law, Ross (Joanetta) Haynes; nephews, Michael (Beth) Whedbee and Mark (Amanda) Whedbee; niece, Shea (Kevin) Raper; great-nieces, Sydney, Allison, and Ava; great-nephews, Caden, Parker, and Cole; lifelong friend, Dennis Mitchell; and a host of aunts, cousins, and close friends; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents; an infant child; a grandson, Sullivan Rowe; his brother, C.S. "Buster" Harvey III; a nephew, Johnathan Patterson; and a great-niece, Brenna Whedbee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harvey leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of John Thomas Harvey, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Harvey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.